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1. FRG UNDERSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION UDO KOLLATZ VISITED THAILAND JUNE 10-16, DURING WHICH TIME HE TOLD THAI-GERMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THAT VIET-NAM CANNOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM WESTERN NATIONS IF IT GIVES MATERIAL SUPPORT TO INSURGENTS IN THAILAND OR OTHER ASEAN STATES. KOLLATZ SAID GERMANY WAS PREPARED TO OPEN PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS WITH VIET-NAM ON QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE, BUT WOULD AT SAME TIME KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON VIET-NAM'S DEALINGS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. BANGKOK POST REPORTED THAT KOLLATZ WAS LATER ASKED WHETHER HIS REMARKS
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ALSO APPLIED TO LAOS, WHERE FRG HAS A SMALL AID PROGRAM. KOLLATZ REPORTEDLY SAID THEY DID AND NOTED THAT FRG HAS NO ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN MIND FOR CAMBODIA.

2. GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT KOLLATZ' REMARKS WERE FIRST THAT HE HAD HEARD LINKING ASSISTANCE TO ISSUE OF VIETNAMESE SUPPORT FOR THAI INSURGENCY. HE OPINED THAT THE SPEECH

HAD BEEN PREPARED IN BONN BY ECONOMIC COOPERATION MINISTRY AND HAD NOT BEEN COORDINATED WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY. HE ALSO NOTED THAT ANY ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM WOULD REQUIRE PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL, AND STILL OUTSTANDING WAS QUESTION OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE DEBTS OWED FRG. ACCORDING TO GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL, THE THAI WERE PLEASED TO HEAR THAT FRG WILL CONSIDER VIETNAMESE ACTIONS TOWARDS THAILAND IN ITS DECISIONS ON PROVIDING ASSISTANCE (KOLLATZ REMARKS DREW FRONT PAGE COVERAGE IN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS), BUT HE DOUBTED THAT KOLLATZ PRONOUNCEMENT REFLECTED A NEW POLICY CONDITION OF THE FRG.

3. DURING HIS STAY HERE KOLLATZ VISITED SEVERAL GERMAN ASSISTANCE PROJECTS, CALLED ON THE KING AND THE PRIME MINISTER AND SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE THAILAND DM 20 MILLION FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS.
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